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Welcome Back to School Yonkers Students



YPS Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada, with kindergarten students @Museum25YPS

As the Yonkers Public Schools welcomed back 26,000 of its students for the first day of classes Sept. 6, the Yonkers City Council highlighted the fact that this school year, 2022-23, the Yonkers Public Schools has a historic budget of \$683 Million, the highest amount ever, with 32 new full time positions included.

Specifically, the Council's budget added 32 new full-time positions including, 9 teaching assistants, 9 school counselors, 10 public safety officers and 4 new social workers.

In highlighting the school system's increased spending plan, Majority Leader and City Council Education Chair Tasha Diaz (District 3) spoke to the legislative body's commitment to protecting public schools, "Every child deserves access to a free quality education. I am proud of the work that my colleagues and I have done towards investing in the future of this great city by ensuring that public school children are giving the tools they need to succeed in the future."

Minority Leader Mike Breen (District 5) added, "For kids and parents, the first day of school can be a mix of joy, excitement and even some jitters. Due to the fiscal leadership demonstrated by the Council, parents should feel assured that our schools are more equipped than ever to meet the needs of the children that they leave in the district's care. This budget is a down payment on the future of our children and our city."

Majority Whip John Rubbo (District 4), "As the parent of two public school students, the first day is always filled with mixed emotions. The end of summer, the beginning of a new year of learning and the anxiety of a new school year. Parents can take comfort in knowing that our children are being well taken care of by Superintendent Edwin Quezada, faculty led by YFT President Samantha Rosado Ciriello and staff led by CSEA President Alberto Velasquez."

"In addition to meeting the academic necessities of our students, we must do everything that we can to keep them safe and protected while they are at school. I am particularly proud that we were able to add additional public safety officers and social workers to this school year," Council Member Shanae Williams (District 1)

Council Member Corazon Pineda-Isaac (District 2) concluded, "A strong public education system is essential to the individual and collective well-being of our children. As we start a new school year and a new Council session, we will continue to look for ways to strengthen our public schools to help level the playing field so that every child has a chance to live up to their abilities and fulfill

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Saunders High School Teacher Arrested for Sex Abuse with Student --See Story on pg 3-

95th Yonkers Marathon, The Second Oldest in the United States, is Back September 18



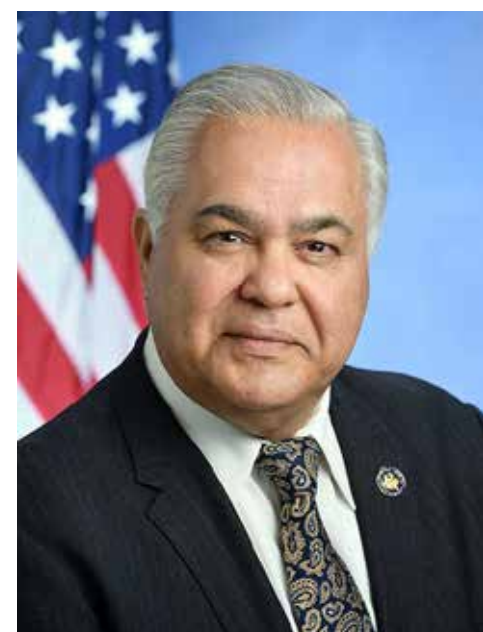
It's a Marathon Milestone in Yonkers! In its 95th year, the Yonkers Marathon is a Marathoner's Marathon, rich in tradition and known for its tough hilly course that starts and finishes in downtown Yonkers and travels through the scenic hills of Yonkers then along the beautiful Hudson River. Whether you're interested in just a 1/2 Marathon or completing your first 5K, we've got it all. Yonkers Marathon is a Boston Marathon 2023 Qualifier. Runner Packet Pick-up will take place on Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM at our Department of Parks Headquarters: 285 Nepperhan Avenue.

Founded in 1907, it is the second oldest marathon in the United States, after the Boston Marathon. At the end of the race there is a gathering and festivities centered on Van de Donck Park. The double-loop course of the Yonkers Marathon has been known as being tough and hilly. New York City Marathon founder Fred Lebow cited it as one of his favorite marathons. For its 90th running in 2015 the track had a newly designed course that added greater variety by eliminating the double-loop, and replacing it with a single-loop that followed a scenic route along the Hudson River, and then all over the city, past parks, past the Dunwoodie Golf Course (offering a glimpse of the distant New York City skyline), and through a variety of neighborhoods. In 2016 the course reverted to the double-loop. While COVID halted the Yonkers Marathon for 2020 and 2021, its back. There is still time to sign up, the cost is \$60 or volunteer and cheer on the runners. The Riverfront Library will open at 6am for runners to pick up their packets. 1 Larkin Center, Yonkers, NY 10701, is where our 3 races will be starting and finishing. Please arrive early and remember that free parking will be available on the event day from 3:30 AM to 3:00 PM at the Buena Vista Parking Structure located at the corner of Main St. and Buena Vista Avenue. Visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Yonkers/YonkersMarathonHalfMarathon5K> or call the

Who Wants to Run for Yonkers Mayor? Who Can Win?



Three City Council democrats pictured above, Minority Whip John Rubbo, Majority Leader Tasha Diaz, center, and Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac, are all said to be interested in running for Yonkers Mayor. Yonkers DPW Commissioner and City Democratic Chair Tom Meier, bottom left, and Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, bottom right, are also mentioned as possible Mayoral candidates



By Dan Murphy

Last week we wrote about the possibility of Mayor Mike Spano running for a fourth term next year, which would require a repeal of term limits, either through a city council vote or a referendum to amend the City Charter.

But what if Mayor Spano decides that he does not want to run for another term as Mayor, or if the voters reject the idea of repealing term limits? Who are the possible candidates to succeed Spano?

The short answer is, many Yonkers elected officials and leaders are interested, and believe that they can get elected Mayor. This should come as no surprise, based on the fact that Spano has held the office for 11 years, which has built up the number

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Five Year Old Yonkers Model Featured in Ralph Lauren Campaign at US Open



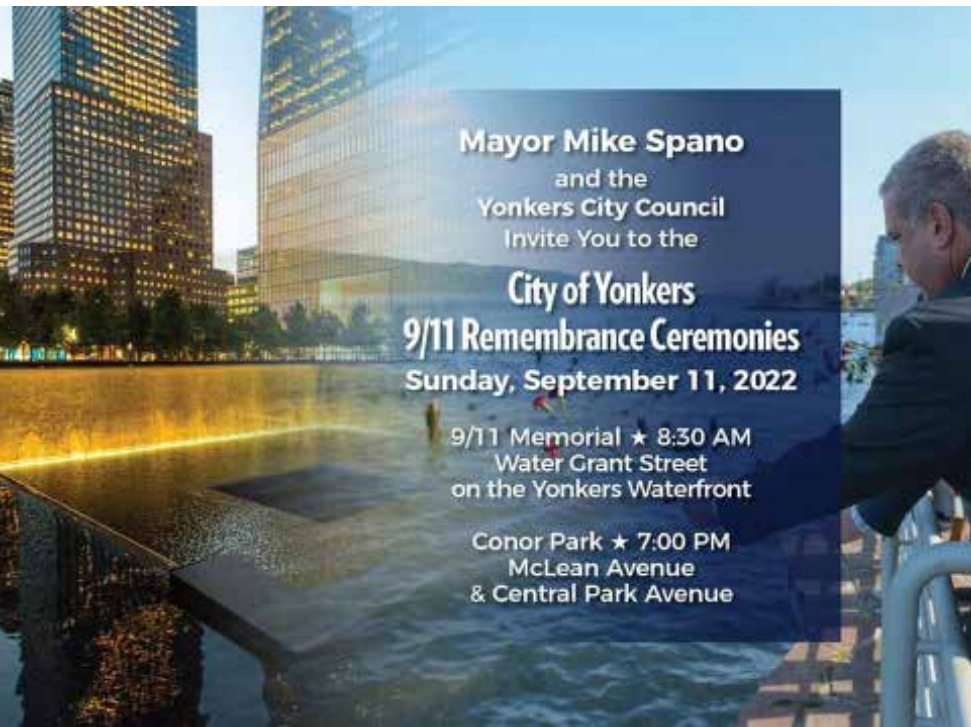
Logan Ritter, pointing to his Ralph Lauren ad campaign at US Open

Congratulations to Logan Ritter, a 5 year old from Yonkers. Logan is a young model who has been featured in print campaigns since he was 6 months old. His latest global campaign has Logan featured with Ralph Lauren, at the US Open Tennis Championships at Arthur Ashe stadium in Flushing, Queens.

Lets spread the word about young talent and success in our community! Logan's solo picture is posted larger than life at the US Open! Ralph Lauren has been a sponsor of the US Open for decades.

We thank Logan's mom for sending in this information with this note, "Lets spread the word about young talent and success in our community!" We Agree!

Yonkers Will Never Forget Those Lost on 9/11



Backpack & Computer Giveaways Help Students Go Back to School with Tools they Need



On August 31, the family of Jonathan Maldonado, above, held their 5th annual back to school drive at School 23. “Thank you to the Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada for allowing us to continue to remember Jonathan Maldonado. I commend you for your commitment to give back to the students in our Yonkers community. Thank you to all my family and friends for supporting this event especially our sponsors Ecolab, Staples and MPAC,” said Nancy Khader-Maldonado, mother of Jonathan, who died at the age of 21 in 2017 in Greenburgh, under circumstances which are still under review in the courts. County Legislator Jose Alvarado and Superintendent Quezada are pictured with members of the family and students.

WE WILL NEVER FORGET

In honor of the Yonkers residents who lost their lives during the attacks of September 11, 2001

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On September 5, the Loyalty Foundation joined with Pamelas Big Heart Foundation in Yonkers to distribute 100 free refurbished Chromebook laptops to young students in need during Pamelas Back to School Bazaar at Yonkers Arts “It was great to see all the smiles and to know that all these children will have their very own computers to kick off the school year on the right foot.” – Loyalty Foundation founder David Neeman. The joint distribution was our third and brings

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WE HAVE A NEW NAME. AND A LOT MORE.

NewYork-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital is now NewYork-Presbyterian Westchester with a comprehensive cancer center, sports medicine services, and introducing Och Spine to the region. With more on the way.

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MORE WESTCHESTER**



STAY AMAZING

Gun Free Signs? Are You Kidding?



By Eric Wolf Schoen

And there they were, New York Governor Kathy Hochul and New York City Mayor Eric Adams unveiling the Gun Free Signs in New York City's Time Square. The crossroads of the world. And do you think for a minute that the signs are going to stop people from bringing guns into Times Square. Or any place they are going to be posted?

If you do I have a big, beautiful bridge in Brooklyn to sell you. Real cheap. What is wrong with our elected officials. And you can expect to see these signs at locations throughout New York State. What a joke. The signs are not worth the board they are printed on. Do you really think a gun toting criminal is going to see a sign and say hey, I better not go in that area?

We have school zones, no bus idling zones, no parking and no standing zones and many different types of zones. Do they do anything to keep us safe? Do People really follow the rules. With or without signs the public will do what they want and so many of the signs are worn out you can't even read what they say.

Are they going to have lockers where people check their illegal guns before they enter the. Zones. Or check points for people coming into the zones. Impossible to do in such a large open space like Times Square so what is the purpose of the zones? A waste of taxpayer money. And a big laugh for the public.

What's next? Pickle free zones. Rock throwing zones. Yarn free or rope free zones? Punching zones, argument free zones, zones where you must respect other people, no ice cream zones. And the Gun Free Zones will be at strategic locations throughout the state including right in your neighborhood.

When are our elected officials going to wake up and get real. I hope soon!

Congestion Pricing a No No

Over the last week over a thousand people spoke at virtual hearings across the state on congestion pricing in New York City south of 60th Street. This game would charge cars and trucks that go south of 60th Street a fee from \$6 to \$26. The fee is to encourage use of mass transit. Make the subways safe and people will ride them.

The fee is also to provide money to fix the mass transit system. Where does all the taxation we pay now go. They call the New York City Metropolitan Transportation Agency (MTA) the Money Taking Agency. As the Lyft and Uber drivers pointed out, where does the \$50 million they generate now for the MTA go now.

Before this money grab becomes reality, it's time to let your Senators and Assemblypersons know you don't like it. Call Senator Stewart-Cousins, 423-4031; Senator Mayer at 934-5250 Assemblyman Sayegh at 779-8805 and Assemblyman Pretlow at 667-0127 to make your voice heard WESTCHESTER!

Shooting by St. Patrick's. Cathedral in NYC

The first issue I have is people playing 3 car monte in front of New York's 's St. Patrick's Cathedral. It is disgraceful playing cards in front of this New York home to Catholics visited by people of all faiths including this Jewish writer every year. The police should remove and arrest them not just because they are running an illegal card game but because their activity is taking place at a sacred location. Why not a 3 cart monte sign like the signs prohibiting guns

Someone got shot outside of the Cathedral. Issue 2. While they were engaged in an illegal card game.

It's truly sad that so many people fall for this card game scam where the dealer is always the winner.

The Smell of Marijuana

I've never been a big fan of Marijuana. Like Bill Clinton I have smoked but not inhaled this substance. Frankly the smell of it makes me sick. Whether it be Yonkers or White Plains the smell of marijuana on the streets is nauseating. We restrict where people can smoke why not the same for marijuana users.

And just like they handed out booklets telling you the dangers of smoking, they should do the same extolling the dangers of marijuana smoking. Smoke weed in your house, not on a public street I walk on.

Why does Hillary Wear Pantsuits

We finally learned via 60 minutes why Hillary Clinton wears pantsuits. She was wearing a skirt or dress, sat down for photographs and the photographer took picture of her undergarments which were visible. The next day they were being used to sell undergarments, so she Made a decision she should would wear pantsuits so it wouldn't happen again. She didn't get into the unusual colors of pantsuits she wears.

Golf in WESTCHESTER

We are fortunate in Westchester to have beautifully manicured county gold courses for residents to use. There is even a special rate of \$3 for those under 17 to play after 2. The county makes it easy to sign up for tee times and all of the golf course staff go out the their way to help county residents.

So why did I hear from a friend that he went by the bushes to retrieve a ball and saw piles of empty beer cans. I'm not blaming the younger people who use the golf course but people need to stop being pigs. Not all counties have the great courses Westchesterites have, the county takes good care of them and the people who use them should too!

QUESTIONS OF THE DAY: Will the City Council put the vote to end term limits on the ballot for the voters, or will the Council change the Charter themselves like a bunch of sneaky public officials?

Is Robert Cacace or his brother, Kevin in the race to replace Mayor Mike Spano who is term limited (unless they change the charter) in the race for Mayor in 2023? Hey they both come from a good Democratic family!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisyonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen on the Westchester Rising Radio Show alternating Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, WVOX.com click listen or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.

FBI Seeks Westchester Victims in Human Trafficking Investigation;

Yonkers HS Teacher Arrested for Sexually Abusing Student



The FBI Westchester County Safe Streets Task Force, Greenburgh Police Department, and the Westchester County Police Department are seeking possible victims in a human trafficking investigation and believes hundreds of women may have been victimized. Investigators arrested Ysenni Gomez on August 12, 2022, and charged her with sex trafficking in Westchester County, and the Bronx.

An FBI agent details in a federal complaint filed in the Southern District of New York how Gomez posted an online ad searching for waitresses to work at a restaurant in Manhattan. Gomez interviewed a woman who responded to the ad and said she had the job. On the victim's first day, Gomez told her there was no waitress position and forced her into having sex with men by threatening to call federal authorities to have her deported. During the investigation, agents discovered more than 1,600 ads associated with Gomez promoting prostitution, dating back 10 years, using Facebook, Bedpage.com, and MegaPersonals.com.

Gomez is known to go by aliases Carolina and Ysenni Peguero, and could possibly have used the business name "Chicas Express" in the ads she placed.

Anyone with information about Gomez, or anyone who may have been a victim is asked to call the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI.

In another local criminal case involving a teenager, on August 31, the Yonkers Police Department, Westchester County District Attorney's Office, and Yonkers Public Schools announced they are investigating student allegations of criminal behavior by a Yonkers Public Schools high school teacher. Investigation has yielded that the teacher, a staff member at Saunders Trades and Technical High School identified as James KORWATCH, allegedly began an inappropriate relationship with the then 17-year-old student in 2021 and that relationship escalated to physical and sexual violence as well as physical and verbal intimidation and coercion.

KORWATCH is a 49-year-old carpentry teacher at the school and a resident of the Village of Ossining, New York. KORWATCH was arrested by Yonkers Police on August 31st: he is being charged with Criminal Sexual Act 1, a Class B Vio-

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Yonkers Philharmonic Orchestra Launches Season with Beethoven Festival Concert



On Sunday September 18, 2022 at 3pm, the Yonkers Philharmonic Orchestra launches its 2022-23 season with the 7th Annual Beethoven Festival concert, featuring performances by individual members and ensembles from the orchestra. This unique and varied program celebrates the music of Beethoven and other renowned German composers, as well as composers inspired by Beethoven, including Bach, Handel, Schubert and Weill, exploring the inspiration and influence of German music across three centuries. The concert features works written and arranged for a diverse variety of instrumental groups including Mandolin and Harp, String Quartet, Woodwind Ensembles, Saxophone Quartet, Piano Quintet and Baritone and Piano, culminating in a grand finale for the combined ensemble featuring all of the Yonkers Philharmonic participating musicians.

Highlights of the program include five works by Beethoven, for varied ensembles, including his Quintet for Piano and Winds and Variations on a Theme "La ci darem la mano" from Mozart's Don Giovanni. The genius of Bach is heard in his Brandenburg Concerto no. 6, scored for 4 violas, cello, bass and keyboard. The emotional depth of the early Romantic era is experienced in two masterpieces by Schubert - the first movement of his magnificent String Quartet in D minor "Death and the Maiden" and his intensely dramatic duet for baritone and piano "Erk König", based on a poem by Goethe. Kurt Weill's music from The Threepenny Opera brings us to the Twentieth century in a selection arranged for saxophone quartet. The groups combine as a full ensemble to play "Alla Hornpipe" from Handel's beloved Water Music Suite No. 2 in D major in a rousing finale.

The concert is free and all are welcome to join us for this uplifting afternoon of music at Saunders High School, Palmer Road in Yonkers. Further information: www.yonkersphilharmonic.com.

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Rye Resident Pays \$12.6 M for Most Expensive Baseball Card



Mickey Mantle's First Baseball Card 1952 Topps

By Dan Murphy

For more than 50 years, the most valuable baseball card has always been the 1910 Honus Wagner. The baseball cards back then came in a pack of cigarettes, and recently that card sold for \$7.25 Million.

Now there is a new king baseball card, and it comes in the form of a mint, 1952 Mickey Mantle Topps baseball card, which sold for a whopping \$12.6 Million.

The sale was completed by Heritage Auctions on Aug. 27. "This card is arguably the finest-condition example of the most iconic post-war card in the world," said Chris Ivy, Heritage's director of sports auctions.

As with most auctions today, the owner remains anonymous, but Heritage Auctions didn't say that the owner is "a baseball fan from Rye, New York".

Baseball cards are now graded on their quality by ratings companies, the most popular is PSA Authentication and Grading service. The 52' Mantle that just sold was rated a 9.5, which is about as close to perfection you can get, and that comes from a baseball card that is 70 years old. Last year, another 52' Mantle sold for \$5.2 Million but was graded PSA 9.

This is the first time that any baseball card, or any piece of sports memorabilia, has surpassed the \$10 Million mark. "An eight-figure auction result in the sports market was the stuff of fantasy just a decade ago. We always knew this card would shatter records and expectations. But that doesn't make it any less of a thrill to be part of an auction during which a single item breaks the eight-figure threshold for the first time," said Ivy.

Earlier this year, a soccer jersey from Diego Maradona from the World Cup sold for \$9.28 Million.

The 1952 Topps Mantle has always been one of the most expensive baseball cards, because it is the first card in Mantle's career, even though he played his first full year in 1952. But as an avid card collector in the late 1970's, my favorite card was the 1956 Mantle. But congrats to the new owner of the 52' Mantle, from Westchester and Rye.

And maybe its time for all of us to clean out our attics, or garages, and look for some hidden gold.

While the owner of the world's most expensive baseball card remains anonymous, one Rye resident who didn't buy the card is Westchester County Executive George Latimer, a Mets fan, who told us, "If I had that kind of money, and it was a Tom Seaver card, then I'd be interested."

Letter to the Editor: Make sure this year's back to school to-do list includes applying for free school meals

When your kids go back to school across our state this fall, their school breakfast and lunch won't automatically be free like they have been through the pandemic.

We know many kids struggle with hunger at home, and getting them a healthy breakfast and lunch ensures they can thrive in and out of the classroom. But because federal rules have switched back to the pre-pandemic status quo, families and caregivers in many districts including Yonkers will have to submit an application to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

If you're a parent, it's incredibly important to fill it out right away. You can find them on your school or district's website, or in person at school offices.

Beyond ensuring your kids can get their school meals, the forms may qualify your family for additional benefits like discounted exam fees and college applications, extracurriculars, scholarship opportunities, and even home wifi. They can also help your child's school secure additional classroom resources that will support all students' education.

So as you're checking things off your back to school to-do list, be sure to fill out the school meal application. After all, nutritious school meals are as important to students' learning as notebooks and pencils.

Rachel Sabella, Director of No Kid Hungry New York

Mother-Daughter Grateful for Help From Alzheimer's Association During Pandemic



Lisa LoCascio of Westchester said she first noticed something different in her mother, Caroline, who is now living with dementia disease, in the mid-2000s.

Caroline LoCascio had recently retired from a career in the fashion industry after owning her own boutique, Sweet Caroline's in Larchmont, for many years, and later working with fashion icon Gloria Sachs, for whom she was a personal assistant and ran fashion shows. She had also worked at Lord & Taylor's in Eastchester.

"It was probably 2006," Lisa LoCascio recalled. "There was some stress going on in the family, and I just noticed some irrational behavior that wasn't in her usual responses — it did not fit her personality. Then things calmed down, but she did not react well to pressure or stress any longer, while she had always been the rock for our family before."

Problems with paperwork and bill paying eventually made it apparent her mother needed help.

"Mom's past accomplishments made it hard to accept that something was amiss. At first, she began to forget where she left things, like her house keys or her pocketbook. Then she would repeat what she had just said. Eventually, mom needed my help with everyday tasks such as remembering ingredients for cooking her family's favorite meals or balancing her checkbook."

Caroline LoCascio said she also knew something was wrong, but initially tried to keep it a secret.

"As a former boutique owner, I was proud of my accomplishments in life when I retired at age 70. But deep down, I knew something was wrong," she recalled. While Lisa LoCascio said her mother initially resisted her intervention, she secretly had herself checked and received a clinical diagnosis of "progressive dementia."

After the diagnosis, Lisa turned to the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter for help and had a Care Consultation with Joan Nimmo, one of the licensed social workers on staff

"Joan recommended some wonderful caregiver support groups and social programs that mom and I could sign up for that very same day," Lisa said. "That was back in early January of 2020. A time when nobody could have predicted the loneliness and isolation of the impending dark season about to envelop all of our lives."

When Caroline's day care program shut down as a result of COVID, the impact was tough.

"We were isolated and needed some help," Lisa recalled. "I called Joan, and she said they were doing some caregiver support groups online. One was the AlzWell Social Club, and a caregiver support group, which got me through the pandemic and created a community around my mom and myself."

Lisa credits the online support programs with helping she and her mother get through the pandemic.

"Because of The Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter, I never once felt overwhelmed or alone on my caregiving journey with mom despite the isolation of the pandemic," she said. "Although we could not meet in person, the support groups I had joined became my lifelines via our Zoom sessions. Mom had fun activities, and I had heart-to-heart phone calls with my fellow caregivers. As an additional benefit, I believe the empowerment my mother gained through the AlzWell Social Club online led her to agree to volunteer to participate in a clinical trial."

Caroline agreed that she was grateful for the help they received from the Association.

"Thankfully, my daughter and I turned to the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter for guidance. Now, I no longer feel ashamed. I've even volunteered to try new treatment methods with the hope that it will help uncover the cure of the future. I wish to inspire everyone with Alzheimer's to ask for help so they, too, may live fully and cherish each moment just like me."

The two plan to participate in the Walk to End Alzheimer's on Sunday, Oct. 2, when Caroline will hold a blue flower in honor of people living with dementia during the opening ceremony at Westchester Community College in Valhalla. The ceremony features four flower holders, with each flower's color representing a different relationship to the disease.

"My mom says as long as we continue to help the Alzheimer's Association support new research, the future looks bright. As we step closer towards Westchester County's Walk to End Alzheimer's, my fellow caregivers and I on team Dare to Care totally agree," Lisa said.

To register for the walk and get more details, visit WestchesterWalk.org.

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Latimer: No Mandatory Water Restrictions for Westchester Yet, But Use Water Prudently

On September 6, Westchester Weekly Briefing, County Executive George Latimer gave an update on the drought conditions facing Westchester County. According to the County's Department of Emergency Services (DES), 100% of the County is in moderate drought with 83.7% is severe drought (primarily northern part of the County. This past July was the 24th driest July on record, and 42nd driest year to date with rainfall equaling to 2.13" below normal.

With severe drought, DES warns of the increase of wildfires, damage to specialty crops yield and fruit size and a reduction in air quality.

Regarding the County's Water Supply, each district and company is required to have an emergency supply plan. This plan is reviewed, updated, and approved by the Department of Health (DOH) every five years. Each district and company has a plan in place and ready, per the DOH requirement. Areas south of I-287 are generally reservoir or "surface water." Areas north of I-287 are predominately well water. Decreases in well water levels are monitored by water districts and companies and is not an acute situation. If a water supply situation appears to be developing with the well system, the WCDOH is notified.

Additionally, Latimer is asking Westchester residents to take the following voluntary actions:

- Pause any use of fire hydrants for any purpose other than fire protection, public health requirements or other emergency or other authorized use.
- Serve water to patrons in restaurants, clubs or eating places only if specifically requested by the customer.
- Pause any ornamental or display use of water, including such artificial displays as fountains, waterfalls, reflecting pools, lakes and ponds.
- Pause the use of hoses for street, driveway, sidewalk and/or automobile washing.
- Restrict the watering of lawns and gardens and restrict the watering of golf course roughs, fairways, tees and greens as per a water restriction plan. The County has already undertaken this measure.
- Pause use of water in the power washing of the exterior of buildings, unless a variance has been granted.
- Do not fill residential and commercial/public swimming pools more than once per year; however, spillage may be replenished.

The upstate reservoir network, operated by the NYC DEP, which supplies New York City and Westchester with its drinking water are at 76%, when under normal conditions they would be at 88%. Approximately, 30% to 60% of domestic drinking water is used to water yards and gardens, and often large portions are wasted by over-watering, evaporation, and misdirected sprinklers that water sidewalks and driveways. The average U.S. per capita water use is 170 gallons per day (gpd). Compare that to 36 gpd in Australia.

Who Wants to Run for Yonkers Mayor, continued from pg 1-

of candidates who have had to wait for more than a decade to throw their hat in the ring.

So this is the first of many stories on the many candidates who want to lead New York's third largest City. We will focus on who wants to be Mayor, and not who could be elected Mayor. There are a number of prominent elected officials from Yonkers who we believe could be Mayor, but will not run, because they are happy in their current posts, or have their eye on a run for another office.

The two names we have heard for several months are City Council members John Rubbo and Corazon Pineda-Isaac. Both have been raising money and gathering support behind the scenes, but both have waited for Mayor Spano to make a decision before moving forward.

Pineda-Isaac held a fund raiser this summer which was attended by County Executive George Latimer and Mayor Spano. And a few Yonkers democrats that we have spoken to said that "Corazon is leaning towards running, but she hasn't made up her mind yet."

Another Yonkers democrat told us, "Corazon is happy where she is at in her life, as a Councilwoman and in her work for the county. And she has a young family, its a lot to juggle."

Rubbo also has a young family, but believes that the time is right to run for Mayor. Rubbo is also waiting for a decision from Spano. "He (Rubbo) has the experience on the council, and as a local businessman. He is more than qualified to run and would run with a positive message about the future of Yonkers," said one Yonkers democrat.

Two other Yonkers democrats are frequently mentioned when we talk to political leaders in the City. One is DPW Commissioner and Yonkers Democratic Chair Tom Meier, and Assemblyman Nader Sayegh. "I think that Tom Meier and Nader Sayegh would both make great candidates for Mayor and both can win," said a Yonkers Ward Leader. "They have both paid their dues and supported other democrats for decades. Maybe now is the time for them, but I hope they both don't run."

More recently, City Council Majority Leader Tasha Diaz has tossed out the idea of a run for Mayor. "Tasha would be a different kind of candidate for Mayor, just like she was a different candidate for City Council. She tells it like it is, and for a lot us in Yonkers, she is a breath of fresh air. Look out for Tasha if she wants to run."

Much more to come, we have a half dozen more possible Mayoral candidates to share with you.

On This Day in Yonkers History...



Yonkers Slogan for its 300th Anniversary was 'The City of Gracious Living'

By Mary Hoar, President Emerita Yonkers Historical Society, recipient of the 2004 Key to History and President Untermyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, September 12th

September 12, 1927: Judge Charles Boote stunned two Pennsylvania prep school teens nabbed for speeding! Seventeen-year-old Joseph Reeve and Francis Brooke, 15, were driving to Philadelphia in a new eight-cylinder car Brooke won in a raffle. They sped through Yonkers at 47 mph, but were arrested on Central Avenue by Patrolman Joseph Fahy. Reeve Laughed in court when Boote labeled their "adventure" outrageous. He lost his giggle quickly when he was sent back to jail for contempt of court. Brooke was sentenced to ten days in jail, but Boote, learning he was 15, sent him to Children's Court. When the Judge learned the 15-year-old was driving the new car home with consent of his father, he asked, "Is your father all right? I mean is he sick mentally? Has your father ever suggested buying you an airplane?"

Tuesday, September 13th

September 13, 1927: After property owners objected to diversion of the Nepperhan River running under Main Street and Warburton Avenue to the new flume, Mayor Walsh announced part of the Nepperhan would continue to run in the old river bed. Walter Mitchell, attorney for the Devitt Buildings at 9-11 Warburton, charged Yonkers had no legal authority to change the stream. Recent flooding had caused the Nepperhan to rise to ten feet, twice its normal level. It damaged several buildings and created a new channel flowing through the Strauss building, 3 Warburton.

September 13, 1946: Sylvia Worner wanted to test whether Yonkers' Tercentennial tagline, the "City of Gracious Living," was catching on. An employee of Columbia Broadcasting Company, she mailed a letter to her brother while on a business trip to Los Angeles. Addressed to "Ted Worner, City Hall, City of Gracious Living, NY," her brother, got the letter six days after she mailed it!

Wednesday, September 14th

September 14, 1927: Property owners of buildings in the flood zone near the mouth of the Nepperhan River expressed unhappiness with the Mayor's plan to split the Nepperhan River, diverting a portion of it into the flume and allowing the remainder to flow over its natural riverbed. R. Williams, a former DPW foreman and spokesman for the Krug Piano Store at 15 Warburton, stated the project was "a joke" if the city had to let "the Nepperhan continue on its present course." Many believed splitting the river meant the flume was not big enough to handle the river.

September 14, 1927: For the first time in Yonkers history, The Yonkers Statesman was delivered by air! A seaplane brought one thousand copies to Bear Mountain and delivered to attendees of the Yonkers Merchants Association annual outing, the first large distribution by air of any newspaper between New York City and Albany!

Thursday, September 15th

September 15, 1655: The Peach Tree War, Native Americans' large scale attack on New Netherland settlements along the North River (Hudson), was a victory for the Susquehannocks. The Indians took 150 hostages; most of the remaining settlers along the Hudson fled. At the time, it was believed the Native Americans originally attacked because Cornelis van Tienhoven killed the young Wappinger girl Tachiniki for taking a peach from his tree.

Stuyvesant ended the war by repurchasing land rights from Native Americans.

September 15, 1945: The Public Relations Office of the 70th Infantry Division announced First Sergeant Vincent Gaynor of Prescott Street had received another award. Gaynor held five bronze battle stars, the Presidential Unit citation, cluster and the Croix de Guerre. At the time of the announcement, he had served in the European Theater for thirteen months.

Friday September 16th

September 16, 1921: Judge Charles Boote gave a Nepperhan Avenue man, newly arrived from Jugo-Slavia, a \$5 fine and lessons in love, teaching the American version of proper courting. Seems the man saw a woman he admired, and sat on her lap. She immediately pushed him off... and he slapped her! The lothario told the judge all the best people in his home country used this method.

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OPEN CONTINUED HEARINGS

5727A – Area Variance – Andrew Maniglia of Ginsburg Development, on behalf of Pier LLC 70, owner, on premises known as 70 Pier Street, Block: 146, Lot: 1.4, Zone: M (B24085)

5790 – Area Variance – James Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of Mehranco Limited Liability Co., owner, on premises known as 1999 Central Park Avenue, Block: 4385, Lot: 42.43, Zone: BR (B30132)

5794 – Improvement to a Non-Conforming Use & Area Variance – Mathew Valade, P.E., on behalf of NYC DEP, owner, on premises known as 100 Central Park Avenue, Block: 8002, Lot: 1, Zone: T (B30519)

5796 – Use & Area Variance – Matthew Bruton, P.E., on behalf of Carp Yonkers LLC, owner, on premises known as 587 Tuckahoe Road, Block: 4453, Lot: 6.31, Zone: B (B30522)

NEW HEARINGS

5795 – Area Variance – Keith P. Brown, Esq., on behalf of McDonald’s Corporation, owner, on premises known as 155 South Broadway, Block: 188, Lot: 11, Zone: SBCE (B21666)

5797 – Area Variance – Shahin Badaly, P.E., on behalf of Marketin Hila/110 Ravine Realty LLC, owner, on premises known as 110 Ravine Avenue, Block: 2118, Lot: 39, Zone: A (B29521)

5798 – Area Variance – Ralph G. Mastromonaco, P.E., on behalf of 23 Park Avenue LP, owner, and Kearney Group, contract vendee, on premises known as 23 aka 21 Park Avenue, Block: 2090, Lot: 44, Zone: M (B30335)

5799 – Area Variance – Jacob Amir, Esq., on behalf of Dagro Associates II, LLC., owner, on premises known as 165 aka 167 North Broadway, Block: 2094, Lot: 25, Zone: BA (B23338)

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their potential.”

“Today, Yonkers students, both returning and new, had their first day of school. This is exciting and a little scary. However, our students are resilient and will have a great day with old and new friends. It will be a great experience as they continue their journey learning new life and educational skills. I wish the students and their families a productive and successful school year,” Council Member Anthony Merante (District 6).

FBI Seeks Victims, continued from pg 3-

of the Village of Ossining, New York. KORWATCH was arrested by Yonkers Police on August 31st: he is being charged with Criminal Sexual Act 1, a Class B Violent Felony in the New York State Penal Law and Stalking 1, a Class D Violent Felony in the New York State Penal Law; additional charges may be expected. KORWATCH is due to be arraigned today in Yonkers Criminal Court. The case is being prosecuted by the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office. Additional information may be released as it becomes available, however no information will be released as to the pedigree or identity of the student victim and details of the investigation will remain limited.

“Based on these serious and disturbing allegations, Mr. Korwatch has been removed from his teaching responsibilities. The District has and will continue to fully cooperate with the Yonkers Police Department and the Westchester County District Attorney. As this is an ongoing investigation and a matter of personnel, no further comments can be made by the school district,” Yonkers Public Schools spokesperson Jerilynne Fierstein wrote in a statement.

The Yonkers Police and Westchester County District Attorney’s Office is asking anyone with knowledge of criminal or suspicious conduct on the part of James KORWATCH to contact Yonkers Police Detective Robert Metz at (914) 377-7725 – all calls may remain confidential. Anonymous tips can be sent by texting the key word YPD plus the tip to CRIMES (274637); anonymous tips can also be sent to us directly through the Yonkers Police website by clicking on the submit a tip button.

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September 16, 1934: Former Seventh Ward AC member Nick Tremark, who played his first pro game the previous month, received permission from Casey Stengel, his Brooklyn Dodgers manager, to play with his former team against the Eighth Warders at Pelton Field. More than 8,000 people jammed the field for “Nick Tremont Day,” and witnessed the Eighth Warders shut out Tremont’s team 3 to 0. The Yonkers HS and Manhattan College baseball star also played on the Cook Post American Legion team that won the 1928 NY State championship.

Saturday, September 17th

September 17, 1945: The Herald Statesman reported Lieutenant Helen “Taffy” Logan of Van Cortlandt Park Avenue would appear with Ronald Reagan in “Perishable: Rush,” a movie short portraying the success of the “air- evac” program and promoting the upcoming Victory Loan drive!

Roosevelt HS grad Logan, an Army flight nurse with the 801st Medical Air Evacuation Squadron based at Guadacanal, flew all over the Pacific evacuating wounded soldiers. On the flight transporting the 100,000th air evacuation patient, Army photographers documented Taffy’s work. Shortly afterwards she received orders to report to Hollywood; the only non-Hollywood member of the cast, she spent 30-days making the film... without Ronald Reagan!

Logan was the only woman entitled to wear the Army Air Medal.

Sunday, September 18th

September 18, 1913: Dr. Sue Radcliffe of Morris street was appointed Medical Inspector of Schools, a new position created by Public Safety Commissioner James Fleming; she was to handle contagious disease epidemics among students.

September 18, 1918: The New York State Woman’s Land Army, an emergency organization supplying female labor to NY State farms, started a membership campaign in Yonkers; Florence Parson was appointed Yonkers chairman.”

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above--James Crowley, winner of the 2nd Yonkers Marathon in 1910; left: volunteers can be found along the Marathon route giving out water



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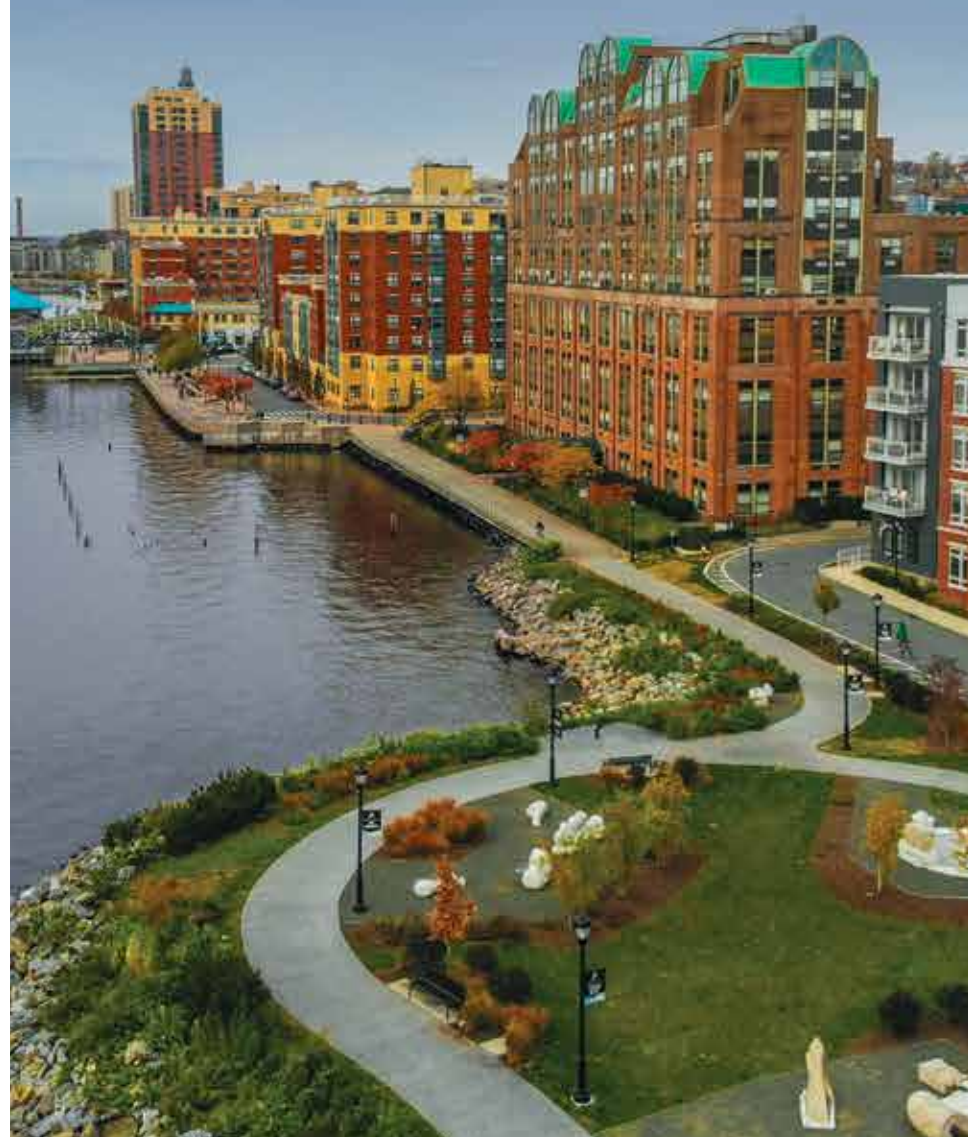
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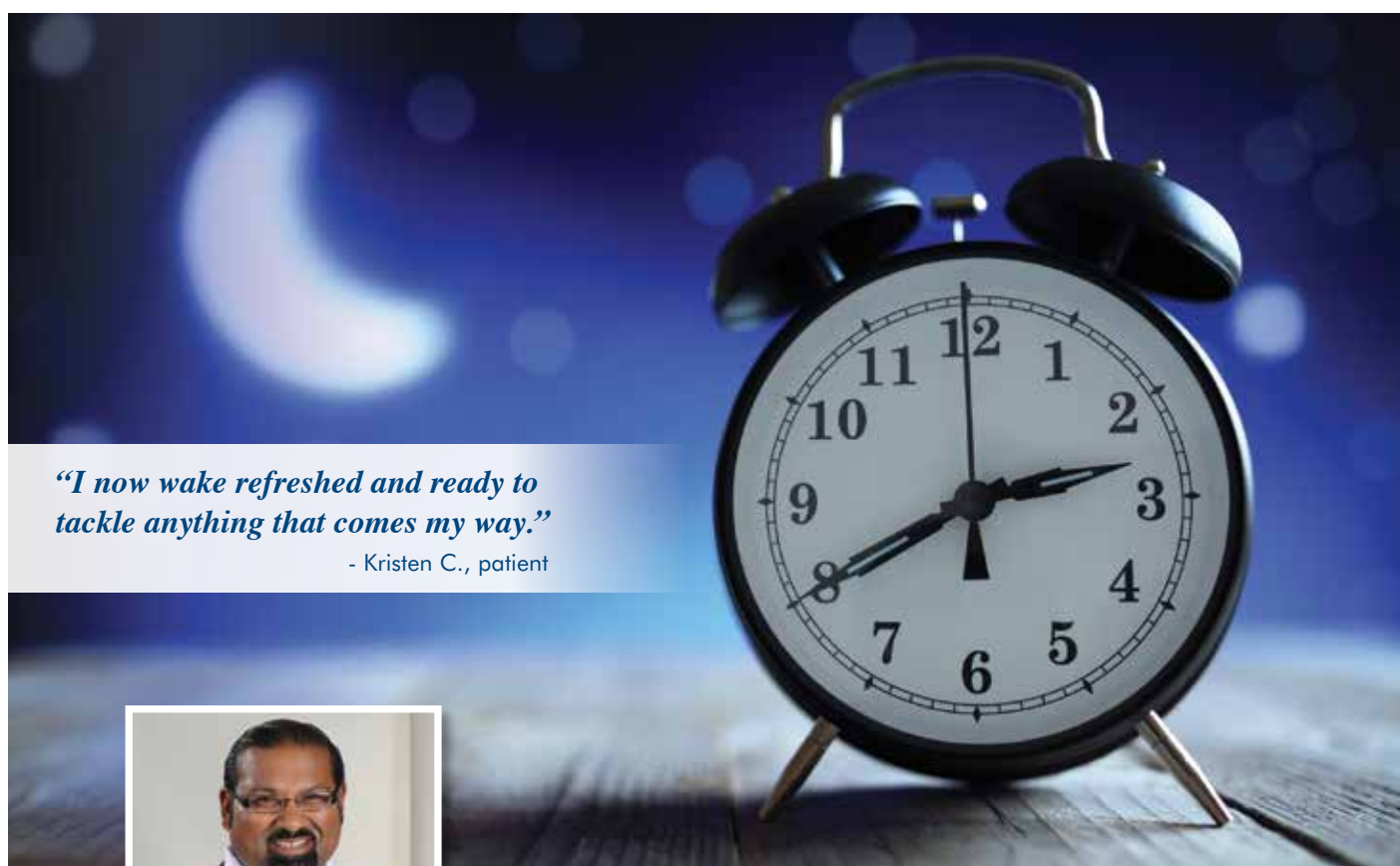


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